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"Long may it wave o'er the  
land of the Free and the Home  
of the Brave."

### ALMA SHOULD GROW

The action of the voters of Alma at the special election last Friday in overwhelmingly carrying the bonding issues for municipal improvements, augurs well for the future of the city, and indicates that the time is past, when the city has only a few pushers, and that now nearly everyone in the city is working for a larger and more progressive Alma.

A city cannot expect to continue a rapid growth unless it keeps pace with the growth, by the installation of municipal improvements, demanded by health, sanitation and convenience. The voters of Alma have done this by their votes of last Friday.

This vote should have much to do with the future of the city. Many people have refused to locate here, because in the newer portions of the city, in which they must have located, they could not secure these improvements. Within a year these improvements should be in, and there will be nothing that will keep people from coming to Alma, where they can obtain employment and have these conveniences.

In the past the Republic Motor Company, Inc. and other Alma institutions have been unable to keep some men here because of this fact. Some now working here have their families elsewhere.

This is partly due to a lack of houses, but as a rule not many houses are built, outside of the territory in which these conveniences are to be found.

In her action Alma is encouraging people to locate here. Her growth should continue at a rapid rate, and the probabilities are that it will not be long before her growth will demand more and more of these public improvements.

That former small group of hustlers for the welfare of the city has grown until its spirit has been instilled in a great proportion of the voters of Alma, and it will grow still more, as its results continue.

### GRATIOT'S ROADS

It is said that government investigations show that percentage of increase in the value of rural property due to the improvement of the roads on which the land fronted ranged from 41 to 102 percent. The cost of hauling was reduced 17.8 cents per ton mile. The school attendance increased ten percent, yet in the face of this Gratiot county has done little to improve many of her most important roads, particularly in the neighborhood of this city, where the roads are a splendid example of what roads should not be.

The farmer knows, or should know that a large and prosperous town near him, and available for selling his produce is a great advantage to him. The business man knows that it is to his interest to have the farmer prosperous and happy, and that the better the farms within the range of his business, the better his business will be.

Good roads shorten distances amazingly, making the range of both the farmer and the business man much greater, and aid both to make greater profits.

It seems that it is about time for something to be done with these roads around Alma, particularly the much traveled, dust or mud laden, disgustingly bumpy so called road to the west of this city.

It would not be a bad thing for the business men of Alma and the farmers west of here to get together soon with a view of doing something worth while on this road this next spring.

### WHY? WE WONDER

Saturday night was a night in Alma, not a bit out of the ordinary, as Saturday nights go in this city, where the streets are always jammed with shoppers at this time of the week, and yet it was out-of-the-ordinary in that several fakers' stands were located on the main streets, pulling off the tail end of the Gratiot county fair in Alma, peddling their wares and roping in the people of Alma and those who had come in from outside to trade here.

It has come to the notice of the Record that games of chance were openly played on the streets Saturday night.

Why, we wonder, was this allowed to happen? It is nothing elevating to have someone or a gang of fakers come into the city, to cheat us and our friends if possible, or to lower the standard of our fair city whether they beat us or not.

Such things should not be allowed in Alma, if she is to uphold her fair name.

### TO REFORM SCHOOL

Lad Who Shot Woman Says He Didn't Intend to Hit Her

Carl, the fourteen year old son of Mr. W. H. Arnold, residing in Midland county, who shot Mrs. Edmonds of Pleasant Valley about three weeks ago, has been sent to the reformatory at Lansing.

The lad shot Mrs. Edmonds, when she and her family were out huckleberrying and she was brought here to Brainerd hospital, where twenty-nine shots were taken from her arms and legs. It is said that signs had been posted on the Arnold farm warning people not to trespass, but that the Edmonds had gone into the swamp, but it is not known whether or not they knew of the signs.

It is said that the young lad did not intend to hit Mrs. Arnold, but simply to scare the woman away from the swamp. Parties had been warned away from the huckleberry swamp a number of times before, it is said.

### SELLS INTERESTS

Carl Harry, Drafted, Sells Interests in Eastern Market.

Carl Harry, for several years in business in this city, as manager of the Ayuda Cash Grocery and of late manager and part owner of the Eastern Market, has sold his interests in this grocery to Ralph Miller of this city.

Mr. Harry is one of the young men of Alma who was caught in the draft. Mr. Harry did not make any claims for exemption after having passed the physical examinations and was named as one of the men to go to the training camp at Battle Creek. As a result he was forced to sell his business interests here.

Mr. Miller, who purchased Mr. Harry's interests, has taken possession of the business and will manage it in the future. He has been in business in the past in Alma, Midland and St. Louis, and is well known for his business ability.

### NEW MANAGER

C. M. Davis Appointed Manager of Light Company Here.

Chester M. Davis, late of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Incorporated, of this city, has accepted a position as manager of the local offices of the Central Michigan Light & Power Company, and took up his new work with this company this morning.

Mr. Davis had been in the employ of the Republic for the past four months, coming here from Detroit, where he had been employed as secretary and treasurer of the Gardner Theatre and Equipment Company of that city. He came to Alma with flattering recommendations and seems to be proving up to them.

What would you do if you only had 15 days to live—see "The Fatal Ring" Idehour soon.—Adv.

### DAVIS DISTRICT

School began Monday at the Davis with Miss Donahue as teacher. Frances Beard began her school in the Ely district Monday.

Ruth Cross left last Saturday for Big Rapids where she will attend the Ferris Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Guernsey returned to Detroit Monday after visiting their parents. Goldie Husted accompanied them and will work in the telephone office there.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Baker of Lansing visited over Sunday at the home of S. Witherell and mother.

Fred Beard and family of Alma visited the first of the week with their parents.

### Experience the Best Teacher.

It is generally admitted that experience is the best teacher, but should we not make use of the experience of others as well as our own? The experience of a thousand persons is more to be depended upon than that of one individual. Many thousands of persons have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs and colds with the best results, which shows it to be a thoroughly reliable preparation for those diseases. Try it. It is prompt and effectual and pleasant to take.

### Ruskin's Boyhood.

Ruskin's mother was an extraordinary woman. She was an evangelical Puritan of the strictest type and held strong views even on the sinfulness of toys. An aunt once bought the boy a Punch and Judy, but his mother immediately put it away, and he never saw it again. "My parents," Ruskin once said, "debarred me from all exercises but walking. They would not let me ride lest I should be thrown, boating was dangerous because I might be drowned, and boxing my mother thought vulgar exercise."

### Inexpensive Lighting.

Many of the peasant class in Spain make use of the bark of the cork oak to light their cottages at night. The bark is placed in a kettle, from which protrudes a spout, and when it is hot enough it gives off a gas which burns with considerable brilliancy.

The lighting is not expensive, and the peasant is careful to save the carbonized cork refuse, for he can sell it, as it is known commercially as "Spanish black," one of the intensest black-browns known among pigments.—London Standard.

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### THE CHURCHES

**Free Methodist Church.**  
Rev. J. B. Griswold, Pastor.  
Sunday services as follows:  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m.  
Preaching again at 7:30 p. m.

**First Church of Christ Scientist.**  
Knights of Pythias Hall  
Sunday at 10:30 a. m.  
Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
Subject for Sept. 9, "Man."  
Reading room open Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4.

**St. John's Church.**  
Morning prayer at 10 a. m.  
Subject: "Christ the Gift of God."  
Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.  
Vesper service at 5 p. m.  
Subject: "Putting on the Lord Jesus."

**Salvation Army Tag Day.**  
The Salvation Army have on the European battle fields 180 huts, 70 hotels, 200 rest rooms, 35 automobile ambulances and 600 officers employed in relief work. Thirty thousand Salvationists in active service. Four have been awarded the Victoria cross, seven others have received the distinguished conduct medals and one of our men has received the king of Serbia's medal. Thirty ambulances working in co-operation with the American Red Cross are being dispatched from this country with drivers and attendants.

Help this worthy cause by buying a tag September 8th.

**Baptist Church.**  
J. W. Priest, Pastor, Residence, 802 Gratiot.  
Sunday morning service at 10 a. m.  
Sermon: "The Bible and Our Children."

Sunday school at 11:15 a. m.  
B. Y. P. U. meeting at 6:30.  
Topic: "A Lesson about Excuses."  
Leader: Tressel Story.  
Evening service at 7:30 p. m.  
Sermon: "Getting Ready to Live."  
Thursday night prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.  
All are cordially invited to these services.

**First Presbyterian Church.**  
William H. Mason, Pastor.  
Sunday, September 9.  
10 a. m., Public worship; subject: "The Heavenly Vision."  
11:30 a. m., Sabbath school.  
2:45 p. m., Eastminster Sabbath school.  
6:45 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E.  
7:30 p. m., Public worship; subject: "Work."  
A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

St. Louis, Michigan,  
Sept. 4th, 1917.  
We, the Alma Standard Foundry Manufacturing Company, a corporation in the State of Michigan, do hereby notify the public and all dealers, that we have sold our entire foundry and business, located at St. Louis, Michigan, to the Gratiot Foundry Company, a new corporation in the State of Michigan.

We do hereby request that if there be any unpaid bills or claims against us, that they be presented not later than October 1st, 1917.

Alma Standard Foundry Manufacturing Company.  
By, R. F. Wachman,  
Sec'y and Treas.

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"I have been selling Chamberlain's Tablets for about two years and heard such good reports from my customers that I concluded to give them a trial myself, and can say that I do not believe there is another preparation of the kind equal to them," writes G. A. McBride, Headford, Ont. If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They will do you good.

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—William Frederick Biedow.

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We carry a complete stock of Staple Groceries, Baked Goods, Canned Goods, Pickles, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

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The undersigned will sell at public auction at his farm four and three-fourths miles west of Alma or one-half mile south and three-fourths mile west of Elwell, on

## Saturday, Sept. 15, '17

Commencing at 1:00 p. m., the following described property, to-wit:

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 Gray Mare, seven years old. Weight 1400     | 1 Milwaukee Mower           |
| 1 Bay Horse, weight 1400.                     | 1 Osborne Rake              |
| 1 Red Cow, Due in January, eight years old    | 1 Drill                     |
| 1 Spotted Cow, due in January, five years old | 1 Disc Harrow               |
| 1 Red Cow, due in Oct. five years old         | 1 Oliver Cultivator, new    |
| 1 Red Cow, due in September, five years old   | 1 Tower's Cultivator, new   |
| 1 Spotted Steer, one year old                 | 1 Sterling Bean Puller, new |
| 1 Red Steer, one year old                     | 1 Bryan Plow                |
| 2 Spring Calves                               | 1 Springtooth Drag          |
| 1 Stock and Hayrack                           | 1 Wagon                     |
| 1 Corn Planter                                | 1 Cream Separator           |
| 1 Buggy, good as new                          | 1 Coal Stove                |
| 1 Tank Heater                                 | 10 Tons Hay                 |
| 1 Manure Spreader                             | 10 Acres Corn in field      |
| 1 Corn Sheller                                | 100 Bushels of Oats         |
| 1 Two-horse Gas Engine                        |                             |

### TERMS OF SALE

Will be announced on the day of sale.

**Chas. Medler,**  
Proprietor

**P. C. Colister, Clerk**



J. D. HELMAN,  
Auctioneer.